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are going to be considering 257 and 258 and 259. Thank you.

SPEAKER: Senator Keyes. Senator Keyes passes. Senator Cavanaugh. Senator Cavanaugh passes. Senator Carpenter, did you..

SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, it seems to me if we have this problem, the Governor is certainly acquainted with it. If his budget it not in order, he knows we are still in session. If he wants some assistance in this body, now is the time to ask for it. We accepted his challenge with good faith. Whatever we do today is something we can't undo. If we create a problem which is unbearable, so to speak, the Governor can call us back any day he wants to with a notice to us within 24 hours and certainly that is a very economical thing because it doesn't cost very much money. He can issue his special call in any area he wants to and take the responsibility for the call. We are not committing political suicide, or fiscal suicide, or anything else. We are just trying to comply with what the chief executive said in my judgment. If we take his suggestion, he can do this. If he finds that he is in error in some area, we all make mistakes. Then, all he has to do is to call us back here in a special session and tell us what he thinks we ought to do that he didn't do in the beginning. Now, if you want to open this thing all up, why don't we do the right thing. If you don't like what you done yesterday, just repeal the whole darn thing and start all over again, if that's what you want. I am sure Senator Chambers would like to have that in order to prove how vulnerable and weak-kneed and how much under obligation you are to someone else. He will never quit telling you about it. He will never quit telling you about it and he will never quit telling the people about it. Now, if you want to be in that position, this is your option. Let's do one thing or the other. Let's quit nibbling it away. All these people come out talking this morning, and they have a right to, to make their suggestions, of course, but they are the ones who didn't want the thing in the first place. Almost all of them without exclusion. Now, we are here. We are still in session. We will probably be here until Friday because some of these bills have to lay over for two days, so we will be here till Friday. If the Governor of this state wants to ask to do something, let him send in a message. Let him come himself and tell us what he wants and I am sure we will give it the same consideration we gave his first request in the area of the original budget.

SPEAKER: Senator Warner, you have had your light on for some time. Were you requesting the floor? He passed to Senator Duis.

SENATOR DUIS: Well, Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, I was going to say what Senator Carpenter just said. As a matter of fact, we were discussing it. Senator Warner, I am concerned because I am sure the Governor has people in the Legislature here. He brings messages into us from and when he wants a message brought in here, he has people and if he wanted this particular piece of legislation to finish these construction projects, I am sure he will send it over to us. I understood yesterday that he had asked for exactly what we gave him and I can't figure out why we are going to give him something more than what he asked for and I am sure and I am positive, I am like Senator Carpenter, that if he wants this, he'll find a way to get over here to ask us for it as he has come over here to tell us what we have done wrong. Maybe, he can tell us what he would like to have corrected from what he asked